

Belmont Disability Access Commission **Meeting Minutes: 23 June 2004**

Present: Celeste Andrade, Ray Glazier, Laurie Graham, Art Heron (Associate)
Janet Macdonald. (A quorum was present.)

Absent: Kathy Allen, Joan Hantman (newly appointed Associate), **William Rodi** (Associate), **Carole Williams, Francis Williams** (Associate).

The meeting was called to order in the Staff Room of the Belmont Memorial Library (as posted) at 7:10 PM.

Minutes from the last Commission Meeting on May 13, 2004 were read and amended. Janet Macdonald made a motion to approve the minutes; Laurie Graham seconded the motion. They were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Disability Assistance Program Report: Laurie Graham is checking the phone line. There have been no requests for service or individuals calling in to volunteer. Laurie Graham will contact the Senior Center and Alice Melnikoff for possible coordination of services. Art Heron suggested that an announcement be put in the paper and Ray Glazier said he would do it.

Report on SPED Advisory Council liaison with the BDAC Commission: It was recommended that there be liaison (Laurie Graham is a member of the SPED Advisory Council). This might include having someone from the BDAC speak in the schools. Ray Glazier said he would be willing.

Town Hall Complex Building Committee update: Completion of the renovations of the Town Hall Annex and the School Administration Building is now projected for early December.

Report on Fire Department Headquarters: The architects for the new Fire Department Headquarters have submitted their design plans to the Commission for review. Fran Williams has taken on this responsibility.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by unanimous vote to distribute a BDAC flyer at the August 31 Belmont Neighborhood Network Meeting.

Ray Glazier, Laurie Graham, and Celeste Andrade will meet this summer to discuss options for a disabilities resource center, which would include videos, books, tapes, and other relevant material.

Plans for Disability Awareness Month (October): It was suggested that we again contribute to a display at the library, as well as try to get disability awareness into the schools' social studies program.

Senior Center Building Committee Representative: This was discussed, and Janet Macdonald was to contact potential candidates known to her.

Art Heron stated that there is a new Human Rights Commission in Belmont and that he is a member.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, September 9, at 7:30 PM. It will be held in the Staff Room of the Belmont Memorial Library on Concord Avenue.

Laurie Graham made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 PM; Janet Macdonald seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Recorded as understood and respectfully submitted,

Celeste M. Andrade, Secretary.